technology in blending formulation, handling and distribution of lubricants; design, construction and operation ot lubricant blending plants; training ot employees; relevant technical services in support o' lubricant business and the latest developments in R&D ot lubricants and their formulations. In addition; suitable personnel of BPCL would be seconded to the JVC at various levels and be trained by Shell for various job requirements.

(iv) Shell br.vvl ■ lubricants would be initially blended at BPCL's Blending Plant at Wadibunder, Bombay for a fee.

(v) BPCL would provide its network, of depots and retail outers for storage, distribution and sale of JVC products "or a fee.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is anticipated that the **JVC** will have its first blending plant by December, 19%.

(d) BPCL's existing blending plants would continue to blend BPCL's range of automotive and indusrial lubricants.

Financial assistance *to* companies importing petroleum products

1231. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the term and conditions under which permission is given for importing petroleum and natural gas;

(b) whsther Government provide any financial assistance to the companies for iraoort of petroleum **and natural** gas; ;

(c) if so. the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATIS-H SHARMA). (a) All decanalised petroleum products can be imported under the Import-Export Policy in force.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Pending projects of Uttsr Pradesh in Petroleum Sector

1232. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of various oil schemes and projects in Uttar Pradesh lying pending with the central Government;

(b) the reasons for the delay if any; and

(c) the ;.inre by when these projects and schemes are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA); (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

गुजरात में तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस संयंत्रों का विस्तार और आधुनिकीकरण

1233. श्री कनकसिंह मोहन सिंह संगरोला : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान गुजरात में मेहसाना, अंकलेश्वर बड़ौदा, साबरमती और हजीरा स्थित, तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस संयंत्रों का विस्तार और आधुनिकीकरण करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने गुजरात में तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस इकाइयों के लिए विकास संबंधी कोई कार्य-योजना बनायी है ; और

(च) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और इसके लिए कितनी धनराशि आवंटित की गई है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) से (च) जी, हां। 1245.62 करोड़